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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A hand-held electronic toy, comprising:
  - a touch-screen display; and
  - a toolbar disposed on said touch-screen display, said toolbar including a plurality of interactive tools, a first interactive tool from the plurality of interactive tools enabling the selection of one of a plurality of drawing activities displayed on the touch-screen display in response to one of said plurality of **drawing** activities displayed on the touch-screen display being touched, a second interactive tool from the plurality of interactive tools enabling the selection of one of a plurality of characteristics associated with said second interactive tool from the plurality of interactive tools, said second interactive tool being ~~one of activated **upon** or inactivated based on~~ the selection of said one of said plurality of drawing activities, **and said second interactive tool being inactivated upon the selection of another activity differing from said one of said plurality of drawing activities,** and said plurality of characteristics associated with said second interactive tool configured to vary based on the selection of said one of said plurality of drawing activities.

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2. (Currently Amended) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, further comprising a memory for storing code associated with at least one of the plurality of **drawing** activities.
3. (Currently Amended) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 2, wherein said memory includes a removable read-only memory cartridge.
4. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, further comprising a communication device configured to receive data from a second source.
5. (Currently Amended) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 4, wherein said second source includes a read-only memory cartridge.
6. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 4, wherein said second source includes an Internet site.
7. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 4, wherein said second source includes a second hand-held electronic toy.
8. (Original) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, further comprising a stylus that enables a user to interact with said display.

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9. (Currently Amended) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 8, wherein said stylus allows the user to select said interactive tools and any of said activities displayed on said display.

Claims 10-18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a selection of one activity from a plurality of activities for display on a display of a hand-held electronic toy, the plurality of activities including at least one drawing activity;

receiving a selection of an interactive tool, the interactive tool being associated with a selectable icon in a toolbar, the selected interactive tool including at least one selectable characteristic, the selected interactive tool being ~~one of~~ activated upon the selection of the at least one drawing activity, and the selected interactive tool being inactivated upon the selection of another ~~or inactivated based on the selected one~~ activity from the plurality of activities differing from the at least one drawing activity;

determining if the selected interactive tool is activated; and

if the selected interactive tool is activated, displaying indicia of the at least one characteristic associated with the selected interactive tool, the at least one selectable characteristic of the selected interactive tool including a drawing characteristic unique to the selected one of a plurality of activities.

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20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, the plurality of activities including a first activity and a second activity, the first activity being a drawing activity, the displaying indicia further comprising:

displaying a first indicia associated with the drawing activity; and

displaying a second indicia associated with the second activity, the first indicia being different than the second indicia.

22. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

retrieving a first activity application from a memory for display on a hand-held electronic toy, the first activity being a drawing activity application;

determining a first characteristic of a selected interactive tool associated with an icon on a toolbar disposed on the hand-held electronic toy, the first characteristic being configured to interact with the retrieved drawing activity application;

after the determining the first characteristic, retrieving a second activity application from a removable read-only memory cartridge for display on the hand-held electronic toy; and

determining a second characteristic of the selected interactive tool associated with the icon on the toolbar disposed on the hand-held electronic toy, the second characteristic

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being activated upon retrieving the configured to interact with the retrieved second activity application from the removable read-only memory cartridge, and inactivated upon retrieving not the first activity application.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said determining the first characteristic includes determining if the interactive tool is activated.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said determining the first characteristic includes determining contents of a second menu of tool options that is associated with the interactive tool.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said removable read-only memory cartridge is a second removable read-only memory cartridge, retrieving a first activity includes retrieving the activity application from a first removable read-only memory cartridge.

26. (Currently Amended) A method in a hand-held electronic toy, comprising:

displaying a first selectable item on the said hand-held electronic toy, said first selectable item including a plurality of ~~drawing~~ activities capable of being displayed on the said hand-held electronic toy on a touch-screen display of the said hand-held electronic toy, at least one of said plurality of activities being a drawing activity;

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displaying a plurality of selectable starter scenes on ~~the~~said touch-screen display of ~~the~~said hand-held electronic toy based on a selection of **said** ~~one~~ drawing activity from said plurality of ~~drawing~~ activities;

upon receipt of a selection of a starter scene from said plurality of selectable starter scenes modifying at least one characteristic associated with an interactive tool on a toolbar from a first state to a second different state based on the selection of said starter scene, **wherein said at least one characteristic is associated with said interactive tool being activated upon the selection of a drawing activity and inactivated upon the selection of another of said plurality of activities differing from said drawing activity;** and

displaying said at least one characteristic on said touch-screen display of ~~the~~said hand-held electronic toy.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said at least one characteristic is a menu of contents of said interactive tool.

Claims 29-30 (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) A hand-held electronic toy, comprising:

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a first read-only memory, the first read-only memory including code associated with a first drawing activity;

a toolbar having a plurality of interactive tools disposed on the electronic toy, at least one of the plurality of interactive tools having a first characteristic and a second characteristic, the first characteristic being configured for use with the first drawing activity; and

a port configured to receive a cartridge including a second removable read-only memory, the second removable read-only memory including code associated with a second drawing activity and having data associated with the at least one of a plurality of interactive tools, the second characteristic being configured for use **and operable** with the second drawing activity and **inoperable with** ~~not~~ the first drawing activity.

32. (Currently Amended) A hand-held electronic toy, comprising:

a touch-screen display; and

a toolbar on the touch-screen display, the toolbar having a fixed appearance, the toolbar including a plurality of selectable icons, each of the plurality of selectable icons associated with at least one drawing tool, each of the plurality of selectable icons being ~~one of activated or inactivated~~ based on **a first** ~~an~~ activity selected from a plurality of selectable activities **and inactivated based on a second activity selected from the plurality of selectable activities.**

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33. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 32, wherein the at least one drawing tool includes a straight line tool, the straight line tool configured to allow a user to render lines on the touch-screen display using a drawing stylus at a user-selectable line thickness.

34. (Currently Amended) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 33, wherein the hand-held electronic toy is configured to display a pop-up menu on the touch-screen display, the pop-up menu including a graphical representation of a plurality of line ~~thickness~~ **thicknesses** to the user.

35. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 32, wherein the at least one drawing tool includes a primary shapes tool, the primary shapes tool associated with a plurality of secondary shapes tools, the primary shapes tool configured to allow a user to select one of the plurality of secondary shapes tools, each of the plurality of secondary shapes tools configured to allow a user to render a corresponding one of a plurality of predetermined shapes on the touch-screen display using a drawing stylus.

36. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 35, wherein the hand-held electronic toy is configured to display a pop-up menu on the touch-screen display, the pop-up menu including a graphical representation of the plurality of secondary shapes tools to the user.



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37. (Previously Presented) The handheld electronic toy of claim 35, wherein the plurality of secondary shapes tools include:

a square drawing tool;

a circle drawing tool; and

a triangle drawing tool, each of the square drawing tool, the circle drawing tool, and the triangle drawing tool configured to render the corresponding one of the predetermined shapes on the touch-screen display in outline form.

38. (Previously Presented) The handheld electronic toy of claim 35, wherein the plurality of secondary shapes tools includes a polygon tool, the polygon tool configured to render the corresponding one of the predetermined shapes on the touch-screen display by connecting a plurality of predetermined points with a plurality of straight lines.

39. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 32, wherein the at least one drawing tool includes a primary special effects tool, the primary special effects tool associated with a plurality of secondary special effects tools, the plurality of secondary special effects tools configured to alter an image rendered on the touch-screen display.

40. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 39, wherein the hand-held electronic toy is configured to display a pop-up menu on the touch-screen display, the

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pop-up menu including a graphical representation of a plurality of secondary special effects tools to the user.

41. (Previously Presented) The handheld electronic toy of claim 39, wherein the plurality of secondary special effects tools include:

a reverse-out tool, the reverse out tool configured to change selected pixels to the opposite ON/OFF state;

a rotate 90 degrees tool, the rotate 90 degrees tool configured to rotate the image by 90 degrees; and

a mirror tool, the mirror tool configured to mirror the image across one of the x and y axis of the touch-screen display.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:

a touch-screen display having a toolbar portion and a modifiable portion, said toolbar portion having a fixed appearance, said modifiable portion having a modifiable appearance and configured to display images based on interaction by a user, said toolbar portion including a plurality of interactive tools, a first interactive tool from the plurality of interactive tools enabling the selection of one of a plurality of activities, a second interactive tool from the plurality of interactive tools enabling the selection of one of a

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plurality of characteristics associated with said second interactive tool from the plurality of interactive tools, said second interactive tool being ~~one of activated or inactivated~~ based on the selection of said one of said plurality of activities and said plurality of characteristics configured to vary based on the selection of said one of said plurality of activities, **and said second interactive tool being inactivated based on the selection of another of said plurality of activities.**

44. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, further comprising a stylus configured to interact with said touch-screen display.

45. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, further comprising a port configured to receive a cartridge having a read-only memory, the read-only memory of the cartridge including code associated with at least one activity different than the plurality of activities.

46. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, further comprising a port configured to receive a cartridge having a read-only memory, at least one of the plurality of interactive tools enabling the selection of one of a plurality of activities associated with the read-only memory of the cartridge.

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47. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 43, wherein the toolbar portion is a printed toolbar.
48. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein the modifiable portion of the touch-screen display is configured to be modified by a user.
49. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein the plurality of interactive tools includes an erase tool, the erase tool configured to erase an image on the modifiable portion of the touch-screen display.
50. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein the plurality of interactive tools includes an erase tool, the erase tool configured to erase at least a portion of an image on the modifiable portion of the touch-screen display.
51. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein at least one of the plurality of activities includes a drawing activity.
52. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.
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54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 31, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.

58. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 31, further comprising a modifiable display portion having a modifiable appearance and configured to display an image.

59. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 31, further comprising a display portion configured to be modified by a user.

60. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 31, further comprising a modifiable display portion having a modifiable appearance and configured to display an image, wherein the plurality of interactive tools includes an erase tool, the erase tool configured to erase an image on the modifiable display portion.

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61. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 31, further comprising a modifiable display portion having a modifiable appearance and configured to display an image, wherein the plurality of interactive tools includes an erase tool, the erase tool configured to erase at least a portion of an image on the modifiable display portion.
62. (Previously Presented) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 32, wherein the toolbar is a printed toolbar.
63. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the second activity **application** is a drawing activity **application**.
64. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the second activity **application** is a gaming activity **application**.
65. (Currently Amended) The hand-held electronic toy of claim 1, wherein said selected one of said plurality of **drawing** activities enables the selection of a plurality of starter scenes.
66. (Canceled)